

### Amendments to Specification

Please amend paragraph [26] that begins on page 4 and ends on page 5 to read as follows:

The platform supports 10 and 4 have two sides 34 and 32, and a bottom 35 and 39, the bottoms have means for removably attaching friction pad means 14 and 15 as disclosed further herein in other modes of the disclosure. The platform bottoms ~~34~~35 and 39, with the bucket in the fully curled position, can touch the ground 60, but only comes close to, but does not quite touch or surpass (or touches insignificantly) the imaginary tangential line 12 drawn from the bottom-most portions of the bucket (touching points 16 and 36, although as will be seen in Fig. 4, this line can run essentially parallel to the bottom face 5 in Fig. 4 shown as 50 in Fig. 1.

Please amend paragraph [27] on page 5 to read as follows:

Consequently, the intersection point 16 is shown between the platform bottom 35 and the bucket bottom 50. An intersection point similarly may exist at ~~17~~ with the pad.

Please amend paragraph [34] that begins on page 6 and ends on page 7 to read as follows:

More specifically, the stabilizer pad (21), which is preferably slightly smaller than the plate (25), is removably attached to intermediate rigid steel plate (23) or other rigid essentially planar element (25). Affixing means can be any of several envisioned, but are shown in the preferred mode as nuts and bolts (41), (43) and (45), which can be thought of as threaded fasteners. In the preferred mode intermediate plate (23) is sandwiched between rigid steel plate (25) and the pad (21). This allows for the use of existing and available pad assemblies that come pre-manufactured with the pad affixed to the steel plate (23).